Ministers' level meeting convened in April 1983, the Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Tamilnadu have been holding bilateral discussions to sort out the main issues. It has been reported that they had recently met on 23-11-1985. A meeting of Irrigation Secretaries of the Cauvery Basin States was also recently convened by the Centre to review the position. In respect of Yamuna Waters dispute, the Chairman, Central Water Commission conducted a series of technical level discussions with officials of the State Governments concerned and general agreement has been reached on issues like identification of building storages on Yamuna and its tributaries and further follow up by the concerned States.

Production of molasses by sugar cooperatives in Maharashtra

2639. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of molasses produced by about 78 sugar cooperatives in Maharashtra;

(b) whether under rules every sugar factory is required to inform Government of the production of sugar and molasses as well; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a group of factories of these 78 sugar cooperatives in Maharashtra produce roughly 21.3 million to 21.6 million litres of molasses per day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) About 7.15 lakh tonnes of molasses was produced by the Cooperative sugar factories in Maharashtra in 1984-85 season.

(b) Yes, Sir. The figures regarding production of molasses are reported by the factories under the Central Excise Rules on monthly/annual basis.

(c) In view of (b) above, the information regarding daily production of molasses is not available.

2640. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules and regulations under which the Editorial Board for Reconstitution of the Editorial Board for the Bhagirath Group of Journals have been constituted and the names and qualifications of the Chairman and other members of the Biard;

(b) what were the decisions taken at the last meeting of the Board and who are the persons responsible for implementing them;

(c) whether it is a fact that several decisions of the Board are not being implemented and no meeting has been called since October 1984 which has resulted in the delay of publications; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to reconstitute the Editorial Board for regular publication of the journals?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) An Editorial Board is constituted for publication of Bhagirath Journals under an administrative order. The names and designations of the members of the present Editorial Board are given in the Statement.

(b) The decisions taken in the last Editorial Board meeting were—(1) articles printed in Bhagirath (English) should simultaneously be translated and printed in Bhagirath Patrika (Hindi) and *vice-versa* and (2) Assistant Director (Publicity) Incharge Bhagirath should put up the case to Chairman, Central Water Commission, for appointment of a Member-Secretary for the Editorial Board.

The persons responsible for implementing the above decisions are Assistant Director (Publicity) Incharge, Bhagirath and Assistant Editor, Bhagirath Patrika.

(c) No, Sir. Action has been initiated to implement the decisions of the Editorial Board. The next meeting of the Editorial Board is scheduled to be held on 15th January, 1986.

(d) Does not arise.